

# Hudson Institute

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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

On [April 5, 2017 at the Hudson Institute](#), you unveiled plans for a new Office of Economics and Data. The proposal would consolidate most economists, statisticians, and data scientists at the FCC into a single organization. You also called for greater use of economic analysis in FCC deliberations. We the undersigned support these plans.

Sincerely,

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